

# A C C O U N T M U R T H R E,

Of a most Barbarous and Bloody

Committed Yesterday in *Covent-Garden*,

By Mr. *Parry* who belong to the Play-house,  
On the Body of Mr. *Henry Arthur*, who was lately Try'd  
for Robbing the Western Maile.

Particularly,

How Differing about Gaming, came into *Covent-Garden* about 3 of the Clock in the morning, where after they had given and received of each other, several dangerous Wounds, Mr. *Parry* Stabb'd Mr. *Arthur* in the right Pap above 6 Inches of which wound, he Immediately Dyed. With an Account of his being Apprehended and carried to the Round-house, in order for his Commitment to *Newgate*. 14. Nov. 1699.

ON Sunday Morning being the 12th of this instant *November*, 1699. Mr. *Parry*, who belongs to the Play-house in *Lincoln Inn-Fields*, being in Company with *Henry Arthur*, (whose Brother was lately Executed at *Tyburn* for Robbing the Western Mail) I say being together at a Tavern near *Covent Garden*, they continued together till between 3 and 4 of the Clock, at which time Differing about Gaming, they went out together to all appearance in a very Frindly manner; but going over the Square near the Market place, some words arising about a certain Reckoning between them; some say about dividing a sum of Money, which in short was aggravated to that Violent degree that they both drew their Swords, (as we are inform'd) by consent, at which time several desperate Wounds were given and received on both sides, *Arthur* pricking *Parry* in several places on the Arm and another dangerous one, on the right Pap, which so Encreased his Passion, that redoubling his Fury, he return'd *Arthur* as many by way of requital, Particularly on the Shoulder, Thigh, left Brest, and several other places, among which one upon the right Pap, that extended above 6 Inches slope wise, it proved so Fatal, that he Drop'd down and Dy'd thereof immediately; at which instant the Watch, who had heard the clashing of their Swords came in, and seized Mr. *Parry* the Murtherer, who with the great Effusing of Blood that issued from the wounds which the Deceased had given him under the right Brest; was ready to faint, being hardly able to go to the Round-house, whither the Watch convey'd both him and the deceased; where was found about them four score Pound in Gold and Silver, besides a very rich Watch in the Pocket of *Henry Arthur*; both which 'tis Conjectured they had Obtain'd by unlawful Purchase the Night before: About 5 a clock Mr. *Parry* Wounds were searched and dress'd by a Skillful Surgeon, who judges that on his right brest very Dangerous; However as soon as he is able he will be carried before a Magistrate, and consequently be Committed to *Newgate* for the said Murther, but last night he remain'd in the Round-house: Where the Coroners Inquest Sate on the view of his body, when by reason, there was no Evidence, but what *Parry* declar'd, and both of them having many Wounds, as well the Surviving Person as the Deceased, the Jury thereupon brought Mr. *Parry* in guilty of Man Slaughter, and Mr. *White* the Coroner order'd his Commitment for the Gate-house, from whence 'tis thought he will suddainly be removed to *Newgate*.

'Tis Eminently remarkable and well worthy observation, that Companions in Evil Enterprises, commonly meet with sad and disastrous Fates, and fatal Exit, as is plainly Evident in the unfortunat and untimely Deaths of the two *Arthurs*, and others concern'd with them; as for instance the two brethren in Evils, in conjunction with Captain *John Belingham*, Robbed the Western Mail; when being taken, the said *Belingham* became an Evidence against them, for which Crime *John Arthur* was Executed, since which *Belingham*, was Sworn against last Sessions by his own Compaion, and was, also Hang'd, and tho' *Henry* escap'd that shameful Death, yet at last, when he little thought of it, he was Kill'd by the Sword of his Familiar Friend; who 'tis thought, has received his mortal Wound from him: So that hereby 'tis notoriously manifest that such unlawful Confederacy's or Societies, tho' they may seemingly Flourish for a time, yet either sooner or later they meet with sad and fatal Consequences; and that often too by Destroying one another.

